

HOUSE No. 135

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act An Act Regarding the Disabled Persons Protection Commission Investigations .

PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AN ACT REGARDING THE DISABLED PERSONS PROTECTION COMMISSION INVESTIGATIONS .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 1. DPPC protocol will be developed disallowing referral of investigations to DMR staff,
2 when the case involves sudden, unexplained death or serious abuse of a person with
3 developmental disabilities living in a group home or attending a group day program for whom:
 - 4 a. Previous allegations of abuse were upheld.
 - 5 b. No diagnosed illness or age-related condition for which sudden death was cited and
6 documented
- 7 2. Regarding 911 calls: DPPC would require that investigators obtain, review and include
8 information from a 911 call in investigation reports relating to the death or abuse-related
9 hospitalization of a consumer.